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The Editor of the Newsletter apologizes for the lateness of Volume 11, No. 5. The Newsletter is an occasional publication and it is always hoped that four issues per fiscal year can be published. Thank you all for your patience.

SIGNING OF HB 427



Left to right: J. D. Holmes, Lobbyist, Montana Library Association; Millie Sullivan, Chair, Montana Library Association Legislative Committee; Governor Thomas L. Judge; William Conklin, Chair, Montana State Library Commission; Alma S. Jacobs, State Librarian.

BASIC LIBRARY SERVICES - The 46th Legislative Session overwhelmingly passed HB427, which allocates one percent of the coal severance tax to the earmarked revenue account to the credit of the State Library Commission to provide basic library services to the residents of all counties through library federations. Basic library service is defined as interlibrary loan. The Montana State Library Commission has authorized basic services to start no later than October 1, 1979. The State Library's initial payment from coal severance tax funds will be made at the end of the first quarter of FY 1980.

County and city libraries formerly contracted for interlibrary loan from a federation headquarters library. This service will now be provided at no cost. Twelve of Montana's 56 counties did not participate in federations; they will now be eligible for interlibrary loan at no cost.

HB427, as passed, also provided for participation in regional and national networking. It had been hoped that Montana State Library and the six federation headquarters libraries could join Washington Library Network (with Coal Board grant funds) and the continuing costs of membership could be funded from the coal severance tax. However, late in the Session, a restriction was added to the State Library general appropriation bill which

disallows the use of any coal severance tax funds in the State Library operational plan.

COAL BOARD GRANT - The Montana Coal Board on June 7, 1979, in Hardin approved a grant in the amount of \$82,600 to the Montana State Library for the purchase of microfiche equipment for libraries in the Sagebrush and South Central Federations and for funds for membership in the Washington Library Network (WLN) for Parmly Billings Library.

The original application to the Coal Board sought \$275,000 for initial costs for the six federation headquarters libraries and Montana State Library to join WLN, microfiche equipment and collection development at libraries where energy-related information requests have increased rapidly. The final request sought \$150,000 for Parmly Billings Library's membership in WLN, microfiche equipment and collection development.

STATE LIBRARY BUILDING - The 46th Legislative Session approved funding for a building to house Montana State Library. The last issue of the Newsletter reported pre-plan funds were being sought in the 1980-81 biennium.

The appropriation to build a Justice building was increased and the State Library added to that existing plan. The building will house the State Library, the Supreme Court, the Attorney General and the Law Library. The building will be located east of the Historical Society Building and north of the Social and Rehabilitative Services Building in the Capitol Complex.

The staff of Montana State Library has actively participated in the planning stages and a compilation of "needs" was delivered to the Architecture/Engineering Division in the middle of June. Schematic designs were assessed and comments sent to the architect in October, November and December. The architect is Page-Werner and Partners, Great Falls

A completion date of September, 1982, is a current target.

MSL 1980 BUDGET - The 46th Legislative Session approved spending for Montana State Library in the following amounts:

\$332,819	- General Fund
277,944	- LSCA Title I and III funds
610,763	- Total

Of this amount \$360,340 has been approved for personal services (salaries and benefits); \$64,143 has been allocated for book purchases; and \$186,280 has been approved for operating expenses (contracted services, supplies and materials, communications and travel, rent, utilities, repairs and maintenance and other expenses).

In the 1979 fiscal year \$342,645 was expended for personal services; \$82,474 for book purchases and equipment; and \$183,690 for operating expenses.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE - Seven delegates and one delegate at large from Montana attended the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services November 15-19, 1979, in Washington D. C. Following are statements from two delegates about the Conference:

Hal Stearns, lay delegate from Helena - "It is my opinion that libraries all over the nation will gain greatly from the Conference--for too long have those of us who esteem books and learning been all too reticent and unaggressive in pleading for this greatest of causes."

Karen Everett, library-related delegate from Medicine Lake - "The Conference itself started with general sessions and a Presidential address. We chose interest areas and

separated into small groups of 15-20 to discuss our concerns, formulate resolutions, and bring these back to the entire Conference in its last two days.

We voted on the final resolutions, ranging from an endorsement of free library services to encouraging better public relations for libraries and librarians. The resolutions in many respects were similar to those passed at our own Governor's Conference: the same concerns and problems are nationwide."

Other lay delegates attending the Conference were: George Mattson, Bozeman; Elizabeth McNameer, Billings; James Nybo, Helena; Arlo Skari, Chester; and Madeline Colliflower, Dodson, who was appointed a delegate at large by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Alma S. Jacobs, State Librarian was also a library-related delegate.

1979 LSCA GRANTS - The Montana State Library Commission has approved 1979 LSCA, Title I, grants as follows:

Broad Valley Federation, headquarters Bozeman Public Library - \$14,681 to provide an extension librarian for the Federation and for books for the headquarters library and member libraries.

Golden Plains Federation, headquarters Glasgow City-County Library - \$8,887 to continue the development of audiovisual collections in all the Federation's libraries.

Pathfinder Federation, headquarters Great Falls Public Library - \$16,886 to continue a bookmobile purchase project and for collection development.

Sagebrush Federation, headquarters Miles City Public Library - \$11,223 to provide an extension librarian for the Federation and to purchase books and audiovisuals.

South Central Federation, headquarters Parsippany Billings Library - \$12,217 to purchase films, recordings, books and audiovisuals to enhance the Federation collection.

Tamarack Federation, headquarters City-County Library of Missoula - \$16,792 to continue the COM catalog project.

ADVISORY COUNCIL - The Montana State Advisory Council on Libraries met on August 3 at Montana State Library. The Advisory Council, with members representing public, school, academic, special and institutional libraries and libraries serving the handicapped, as well as users of these libraries, advised the State Library on the development of the state plan for the expenditure of LSCA funds.

Members of the Council are Kenneth Cory, Dillon; Charlene Frojen, Missoula; Lynn Giles, Twin Bridges; Barbara W. Gillis, Great Falls; R. Budd Gould, Missoula; Martha Howell, Chair, Helena; Edna Berg, Bozeman; Inez Herrig, Libby; James Nybo, Helena; Virginia Schulte, Glendive; Clayton Small, Browning; and Margaret Warden, Great Falls.

NEW COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTED - The Newsletter would like to welcome Mrs. Natalie S. Fitzpatrick, Anaconda, who was appointed by Governor Thomas L. Judge to the Montana State Library Commission for the term June 13, 1979, to May 22, 1982. Mrs. Fitzpatrick replaces Mrs. Mabel Watt of Missoula. Mrs. Fitzpatrick has been a trustee of the Hearst Free Library in Anaconda for 15 years.

FLORENCE COMMUNITY LIBRARY - Montana's newest library began operation after being authorized by the Ravalli County Commissioners. The Florence Community Library is housed in the Lanz Market and is supported by a county mill levy. The Library is a member

of the Tamarack Federation of Libraries with headquarters at the City-County Library of Missoula and receives revolving collections from Missoula every three months. Penny Mackey is the librarian; hours are 3-5 p.m., Monday and Wednesday.

HEARST FREE LIBRARY - The Hearst Free Library, Anaconda, a National Historic Site, has been undergoing extensive interior renovation. Financing for the project has been provided by Community Development funds, the Montana Historical Society and the Anaconda Company. An ancient boiler, the first licensed in Montana, remains in need of repair and funds are being sought for its restoration.

PEOPLE - Stephen VonVogt replaces Robert Cookingham as Director at Parmly Billings Library. Parmly is headquarters for the South Central Library Federation serving the eleven-county area in south central Montana. Mr. VonVogt comes to Montana from Fergus, Minnesota, where he was Director of the Viking Library System.

Mrs. Bernadine Feist, Librarian for 6½ years at the George McCone Memorial Library, Circle, was honored at a farewell tea at the Library in March. Mr. and Mrs. Feist have moved to Selby, South Dakota. Bonnie Wischmann replaces Mrs. Feist as Librarian.

Peggy Arnold replaces Mary Whitfield as head Librarian at Laurel Public Library. Mrs. Whitfield has moved to Austin, TX. Peggy Arnold was reared in Laurel and has worked at the Library for two years.

Margaret Stradley, Librarian, Belgrade Public Library for nearly 40 years, died April 10 at the age of 68.

Mrs. Ruby J. Hammer, Librarian at the Judith Basin County Library in Stanford for many years, died July 14 in a Lewistown hospital.

RSVP - Montana State Library would like to take this opportunity to thank the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for their assistance in the mailing of the Newsletter. After the Newsletter is delivered from the printer, it is taken to the RSVP quarters in the Neighborhood Center where it is folded, stapled, stuffed and sorted for bulk mailing. The Newsletter is usually in the mail the next day. RSVP has been performing this valuable service for us for approximately three years. RSVP also folds, staples and sorts the Montana State Library, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Newsletter.

We appreciate this service so much. THANKS RSVP!

CORPORATE AUTHOR AUTHORITY FILE - 1978 LSCA, Title I, carryover funds were used to produce the first phase of the Montana Corporate Author Authority File. State department heads and elected officials have had the authority for some time to change the names of departments, agencies, divisions or bureaus and, therefore, the headings of state agency publications have been inconsistent. The File project was coordinated by a steering committee of librarians, chaired by Harold Chambers, Documents Librarian, Montana State Library, from around the state. The File will facilitate the sharing of state publications among Montana libraries and provides the necessary preparation for participation in networking in the region and the nation.

RURAL LIBRARIANS INSTITUTE - Six librarians from rural Montana communities recently participated in the institute "Training for Library Change: Institute for Rocky Mountain Area Rural Library Directors" sponsored by the Denver University Graduate School of Librarianship.

The Institute's goals: to provide basic professional training to practicing librarians in order to upgrade and update skills in delivery of basic library services; provide training in assessing community needs and determining the appropriate role for the

library in the community; meet the needs of new types of users who are choosing rural life styles or are moving to impacted areas with coal, oil and other businesses; develop an awareness of systems and networks and present methods of accessing their resources; raise awareness to possibilities for development of innovative services; develop viable alternatives to and extensions of traditional library services; explore the role of the small community library in the 21st century.

Denver University Graduate School of Librarianship received a USOE grant to present the Institute. 1978 LSCA, Title 1, carryover funds were used to pay travel expenses of the participants.

Participants were: Dale Kellogg, Librarian, Thompson-Hillman Library, Virginia City; Lilly Eveland, Librarian, Liberty County Library, Chester; Evelyn Preuty, Librarian, Stevensville Public Library; Sara Samuelson, Extension Librarian, Sagebrush Federation, Miles City Public Library; Sheila Lee, Librarian, Sheridan County Library, Plentywood; Noreen Olson, Librarian, Big Horn County Library, Hardin, and Phyllis Sundberg, Bridger Public Library, shared participation at the Institute.

ULMS - A grant from 1978 LSCA, Title 1, carryover funds was awarded to Bozeman Public Library to update the Union List of Montana Serials (ULMS). ULMS has not been updated since 1977 when a Montana Library Association committee received an LSCA, Title 1, grant for the initial project. The second edition was produced by the Washington Library Network.

CUSHIONS - Montana State Library has 13 floor cushions suitable for use at children's story hour, etc. Can a public library in Montana use them? Phone Jo Ann Fallang at 1-800-332-3400. First come, first served.

CIRCULATION DESK FOR SALE - The Roosevelt County Library, Wolf Point, has a solid walnut wood three-section circulation desk for sale. It is in excellent condition; the asking price is \$995. Contact: Janice Sand, Librarian, Roosevelt County Library, 220 2nd Ave. So., Wolf Point, MT 59201 or phone 653-3411.

MONTANA ONLINE REFERENCE SERVICE - Included in the State Library budget, approved by the 46th Legislative Session, are funds to operate the Montana Online Reference Service for another two years. The Online Reference Service provides computer-generated bibliographies on subject requests.

The Online Reference Service has been in operation since March, 1978. In that time more than 1,000 requests have been received by Montana State Library.

Those counties that previously did not contract with a federation headquarters library for interlibrary loan will now have access to the Montana Online Reference Service because of the passage of the coal severance tax bill.

REFERENCE LIBRARIANS' INTEREST GROUP - The Continuing Education Committee of the Montana Library Association has awarded its 1979 Innovative Project Grant of \$500 to the Reference Librarians' Interest Group, an informal gathering of librarians interested in reference activities. The project is designed to facilitate the in-service training of those librarians who have little or no formal library education in the use of reference materials and the requisite interviewing techniques. A training package of various audio-visual tools, including a 60-minute videotape, has been prepared by the Group and is available for loan. Members of the Group will also be available to conduct regional workshops. For further information contact either David Martin or Beth Given at Montana State Library, or Mary Moore at Glasgow City-County Library, 408 3rd Ave. So., Glasgow, MT 59230.

WESTERN STATES MATERIALS CONSERVATION PROJECT - The Western Council of State

Libraries, Inc., has received a \$49,500 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for a project to assess library and archival materials conservation problems and alternatives for resolving them. Western Council matched the grant with \$25,000.

Meetings will be held during Fall, 1979, and Winter, 1980, in each of the 17 Western Council states bringing together librarians, archivists, conservators and historical society personnel. Representatives from the state meetings will convene in June, 1980, to evaluate cooperative solutions uncovered during the state meetings with the objective of developing a coordinated plan of conservation actions to provide for improved materials conservation in the Western United States in the 1980's.

Howard P. Lowell of Salem, Oregon, is Project Director and Karen Day of Denver, Colorado, is Assistant Project Director. Herschel V. Anderson, South Dakota State Librarian, is Chairman of Western Council.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CATALOG - Mrs. Frances Wells, Coordinator of Library Services for the Billings Public Schools, is one of seven school and public young adult librarians asked to serve on the Advisory Committee by the H. W. Wilson Co. for the fourth edition of the Junior High School Catalog to be published in September, 1980.

NEWSPAPER INDEXES - The City-County Library of Missoula has microfilmed and indexed the Missoulian 1973-78 and the Great Falls Tribune 1973-77. For further information contact Don Spritzer, Reference Dept., City-County Library of Missoula, 101 Adams, Missoula, MT 59801.

AACR2 - A second edition of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (AACR2) was published in November, 1978, by the American Library Association. AACR2 will be implemented by the Library of Congress and will become the official U.S. cataloging code on January 1, 1981. A preconference on the new code was held in June at ALA in Dallas. The purpose of this preconference was to provide introductory material and to illustrate the provisions of AACR2 to participants who will be conducting continuing education workshops in their various states. Those who attended from Montana were: Elaine Higgins and Karen Hatcher, University of Montana; Ellen Newberg, Parmly Billings Library; Charlotte LeVasseur, Montana State Library. A workshop on the new code for Montana librarians is tentatively planned for 1980, to be held in conjunction with the Montana Library Association's annual conference.

MARGARET WARDEN - Margaret Warden, Great Falls, has been appointed by President Carter to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Mrs. Warden has been a trustee of the Great Falls Public Library, president of the Montana Library Association, a member of the Montana State Library Commission, a participant in regional and national library associations and is presently a member of the Montana State Advisory Council on Libraries.

BE WITH A BOOK FOR A DAY - Many small libraries in Montana participated in the Be With A Book For A Day campaign to publicize the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services with newspaper articles. Many thanks to all of you.

MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE - The Montana Library Association's Annual Conference is May 8-10 at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls.

Ivan Doig, author of "This House of Sky" will be the banquet speaker Saturday evening, May 10.

UPDATE: "ACCESS" VIDEOCASSETTE SERIES - The last issue of the Newsletter contained information on the "Access" series of continuing education videocassettes available

from the State Library. For your information, these are 3/4 inch videocassettes. If you wish to borrow videocassettes from the "Access" series, please be sure that your video playback unit can use videocassettes of this size. Your monitor should be a color-capable video monitor or a color-capable TV set with an RF adaptor. If no color equipment is available, it is possible to view "Access" videocassettes on "black and white only" capable monitors or playback units.

GRANTS INFORMATION - The State Library Reference Department has noticed an upsurge in information requests concerning funding sources for grants. Reference books which are useful, if not essential, to the grant writer are listed below. If your library does not own these, you may want to consider them for purchase and update them regularly.

Foundation Directory. 7th ed. Columbia Univ. Press. \$40.00. Distributed by the Foundation Center, 888 7th Ave., New York, NY 10019. The standard reference work for information about non-governmental grant-making foundations in the U.S.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance - 1979 ed. U.S. Government Printing Office. Stock No. 041-001-81001-3. \$10.00. Available from Superintendent of Documents, Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. Government-wide compendium of programs, projects, services and activities for which the federal government provides assistance. The 1980 edition should be available by summer 1980.

MONTANA-PRODUCED FILM AVAILABLE - "Stillwater County", a film written and produced by students of Montana State University, shows how a rural county took action to solve its solid waste disposal problem. This 18-minute film will be of interest to community groups, city and county government officials, planners and citizens who are interested in the problems of garbage disposal.

The film, sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is said to be one of the best films available on the subject of solid waste disposal and the citizen action that is required to make an effective management plan work.

"Stillwater County" is available from the Montana Public Library Film Service at the Great Falls Public Library, 2nd Ave. NW, & 3rd St., Great Falls, MT 59401.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FILM SERVICE PURCHASES ENERGY FILMS - The Montana Public Library Film Service has acquired 30 films about energy through a \$10,000 grant from the Montana Energy Conservation Program of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The purpose of the grant is to help Montanans become more educated about energy and to learn what they can do to save energy themselves.

The subjects of the films are energy conservation, wind and water power, and solar, nuclear and geothermal energy. A few of the films available from the Public Library Film Service are:

"Have We Stayed Too Long at the Fair?" - emphasizes the hard winter of 1976 and what effect an energy crisis can have on a community.

"More" - an animation which shows what happens when man demands more and more energy.

"Running on Empty: the Fuel Economy Challenge" - a special 90-minute road rally illustrates a variety of methods drivers can use to save fuel.

"Toast" - illustrates how our daily toast is an end-product of an intensive energy process.

"Energy: a National Issue" - the Flintstones explain the causes of dwindling energy supplies.

Time-Life Series, "Energy Crunch", parts 1, 2 and 3 - factual information on oil, nuclear power and solar energy.

Catalog cards for all of the films have been sent to Montana public libraries. These and many other films may be borrowed through your public library. For more information contact: Montana PublicLibrary Film Service, Great Falls Public Library, 2nd Ave. No. and 3rd St., Great Falls, MT 59401.

THE AMERICAN SHORT STORY - "The American Short Story", a thirteen-part television series, will begin on February 4 on the Public Broadcasting System. The series is made possible by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Xerox Corporation. During the second week of January, every main and branch public library in the United States received a discussion guide about the series from the Cultural Information Service. The program's stories and authors are:

"The Golden Honeymoon" by Ring Lardner
"Paul's Case" by Willa Cather
"The Greatest Man in the World" by James Thurber
"Rappaccini's Daughter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne
"The Jilting of Granny Weatherall" by Katherine Anne Porter
"The Sky is Gray" by Ernest Gaines
"The Man that Corrupted Hadleyburg" by Mark Twain
"Barn Burning" by William Faulkner
"Bernice Bobs her Hair" by F. Scott Fitzgerald
"I'm a Fool" by Sherwood Anderson
"Soldier's Home" by Ernest Hemingway
"Almos' a Man" by Richard Wright
"Parker Adderson, Philosopher" by Ambrose Bierce
"The Jolly Corner" by Henry James
"The Displaced Person" by Flannery O'Connor
"The Blue Hotel" by Stephen Crane
"The Music School" by John Updike

"The American Short Story" will be available in Montana on Channel 7, KUED, Salt Lake City, at 9 p.m. beginning February 4.

MONTANIANA

This section of the Newsletter will list all Montana items added to the collection of the State Library. The State Library will continue to list only those items available in its collection. Prepublication notices cannot be accepted.

Avery, Norman. Time out for tomorrow. Raynesford, MT: T.H.A.R. Institute, c1977. A realistic glimpse of what the future may hold.

Canyon cookery. Edited by Linda Sellers Peavy. 2nd ed. Bozeman, MT: Bridger Canyon Women's Club, 1978. Recipes and recollections from Montana's Bridger Canyon.

Crumley, James. The last good kiss. 1st ed. New York: Random House, c1978. A novel.

- DeMarinis, Rick. Cinder. 1st ed. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1978. A novel.
- DeMarinis, Rick. Jack and Jill. 1st ed. New York: E. P. Dutton, c1979. Two novellas and a story.
- Foran, Art. Helena mountain secrets. Clancy, MT: Mountain Press, c1978. A guide to cross-country skiing around Helena.
- Ground, Mary. Grass Woman stories. Browning, MT: Blackfeet Heritage Program, c1978. Legends of the Sihasapa Indians.
- Hugo, Richard F. The triggering town. 1st ed. New York: W. W. Norton, c1979. Lectures and essays on poetry and writing.
- Jackson, Jon A. The blind pig. 1st ed. New York: Random House, c1978. A novel.
- Konizeski, Richard I. The Montanans' fishing guide. 3rd ed. Missoula, MT: Mountain Press Publishing, c1975. Fishing guide to Montana waters west and east of the Continental Divide.
- Larson, Dorothy Weston. As shadows on the hills. Larson, c1978. Story of four Montana women.
- Marshall, Thelma Leasure. Montana territory 1870 census index. Great Falls, MT: Lichni's Print Shop, 1979.
- Merriam, Harold Gudy. The golden valley. Missoula, MT: Mountain Press Publishing, c1977. Missoula to 1883 in verse.
- Mildred memories on the O'Fallon. Compiled by Mary Haughlan. Terry, MT: Haughlan, 1979. A history of Mildred, Mont.
- Moon, Michael E. John Medicinewolf. New York: Dial Press, c1979. Story about the life of the Salmon River Valley.
- Murray, Henry Thomas. The Montana realtor. c1974. A history of the realtor movement in Montana, 1910-1974.
- Lifeways of Intermontane and plain Montana Indians. Edited by Leslie B. Davis. Bozeman, MT: Montana State University, 1979. (Museum of the Rockies, Occasional Papers No. 1).
- Spritzer, Donald E. Water of wealth. 1st ed. Boulder, CO: Pruett Publishing, c1979. Story of the Kootenai River and Libby Dam.
- Attached to the Newsletter is a nomination form and rules for nomination for the Montana Library Association Trustee of the Year Award.

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